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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.312

This Paper responds to the Supplemental Notice of Allowance dated September 27, 2006. The following Amendment is presented for review by the Examiner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312 with payment of the issue fee and publication fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 (Cancelled)

29. **(Previously Presented)** Components of a non-welded field joint for connection of a first sink portion to a second sink portion to form a single unit, the first sink portion having a generally flat side abutted flush against a generally flat side of the second sink portion, said components comprising:

an edge located along an end of the generally flat side of the first sink portion in a direction generally parallel to the flat side of the first sink portion; and

a lip located along an edge of the generally flat side of the second sink portion, said lip extending in an outward direction from said edge of the second sink portion in a direction generally parallel to the flat side of the second sink portion, said lip capable of surrounding said edge of the first sink portion;

wherein said lip is configured to force the generally flat side of the first sink portion into tight engagement with the generally flat side of the second sink portion when said lip is positioned to surround said edge.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The non-welded field joint as claimed in Claim 41 wherein said jog is located on the generally flat side of the first sink portion and said jog positions said hemmed edge generally inward of the generally flat side of the first sink portion.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The non-welded field joint as claimed in Claim 41 wherein said jog is located on the generally flat side of the second sink portion and said

jog positions said lipped edge generally inward of the generally flat side of the second sink portion.

32. **(Currently Amended)** A method of connecting a first sink portion to a second sink portion to form a single unit, the first sink portion having a generally flat side to be abutted flush against a generally flat side of the second sink portion, said method comprising the steps of:

providing an edge along an end of the generally flat side of the first sink portion in a direction generally parallel to the flat side of the first sink portion;
forming a lip along an edge of the generally flat side of the second sink portion the lip extending in a direction generally parallel to the flat side of the second sink portion; and
positioning said lip of the second sink portion over said edge of the first sink portion after said forming step thereby forcing the generally flat side of the first sink portion into tight engagement with the generally flat side of the second sink portion.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method as claimed in Claim 42 further comprising the step of filling said lip with a sealant to eliminate any gap between the generally flat side of the first sink portion and the generally flat side of the second sink portion created by said inwardly extending jog.

34. **(Original)** The method as claimed in Claim 33 wherein said sealant comprises silicon.

35. **(Original)** The method as claimed in Claim 32 further comprising the step of placing a decorative trim piece between the first sink portion and the second sink portion.

36. **(Original)** The method as claimed in Claim 35 further comprising the step of securing said decorative trim piece to at least one of said first or second sink portions with tape.

37. **(Original)** The method as claimed in Claim 35 further comprising the step of filling any gaps between said decorative trim piece and said first and second sink portions with a sealant.

38. **(Original)** The method as claimed in Claim 37 wherein said sealant comprises silicon.

Claims 39-40 (Canceled)

41. **(Original)** The non-welded field joint as claimed in Claim 29 further comprising an inwardly extending jog located generally near said edge of the generally flat side of one of the first or second sink portions, and wherein said edge of the first sink portion comprises a hemmed edge.

42. **(Original)** The method as claimed in Claim 32 further comprising the step of forming an inwardly extending jog in the generally flat side of one of the first or second sink portions.

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43. (Canceled)

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REMARKS

The above amendment includes claims 29-38 and 41-42. Claim 32 has been amended to add back into the claim the word "of" in line 5 which the Applicant believes was inadvertently deleted by Examiner's Amendment mailed September 27, 2006 with the Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,



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